

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 09/639,992
Attorney Docket No. Q60457

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Applicants thank Examiner for the indication that claims 5-12, 16-19, 24-27, 31-34, 38, 39 and 45-47 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 5-8, 38, 39, 46 and 47 have been rewritten in independent form. In addition, claim 45 has also been rewritten in independent form to include all the elements of base claim 41 and intervening claim 44. Claims 1-4, 13-15, 20-23, 28-30, 35-37, 40-44 and 48 have been canceled. Claims 5-12, 16-19, 24-27, 31-34, 38, 39 and 45-47 are now pending in the application, and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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